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GENEVA FOR MIKE SMITH

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SUBJ: TEXTILES: MFA RENEWAL

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1. DURING A SHORT DISCUSSION ON MFA RENEWAL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY (FEBRUARY 14), THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE, EDMUND DELL, CAREFULLY AVOIDED LOCKING HIMSELF INTO A PUBLIC COMMITMENT (A) TO ADD A RECESSION CLAUSE AND (B) TO DELETE THE BUILT-IN GROWTH FACTOR IN A RENEWED MFA.

2. DELL WAS ASKED TO "GIVE AN UNDERTAKING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE PERSUADED BY ANYONE TO AGREE TO A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUILT-IN INCREASE IN IMPORTS INTO BRITAIN AND ALSO ARRANGE FOR A RECESSION CLAUSE TO BE INSERTED INTO THE AGREEMENT." DELL AGREED THAT THE CURRENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ARE CRUCIAL TO THE UK TEXTILE INDUSTRY BUT ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED WOULD ONLY SAY HE HAS "THOSE POINTS IN MIND IN RENEGOTIATING THE AGREEMENT."

3. COMMENT: THIS CAN BE SEEN AS A POSITIVE SIGN THAT
THE BRITISH ARE NOT MAKING THE RENEWAL PROBLEM ANY MORE
DIFFICULT THAN IT IS ALREADY, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE INTER-
PRETED AS A SOFTENING OF THEIR POSITION, WHICH WE SPELLED
OUT IN REFTEL.

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